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Dear Mr. Retzer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. The Act prohibits a political committee which is established and maintained by a national political party and any affiliated committees from accepting contributions in excess of \$15,000 in a calendar year from a multicandidate committee. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f)

The Commission notes your refund of the excessive contribution(s) disclosed on your Amended 30 Day Post-General Report. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in refunding or transferring-out the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report discloses a payment(s) from a federal candidate committee(s) for goods and/or services provided by your committee. 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii)(A) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of these goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution".

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